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In re Application of: STEFELY, et al

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## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time-forresponse to the Office Action dated July 19, 2002 for one (1) month(s) from August 19, 2002 to September 19, 2002. Please charge the fee provided in:

37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) Extension for response within first month

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